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TO: Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Members

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SUBJECT: Context Memos

Following up on Task Force member suggestions at the March 1, 2007 meeting, context memos are being developed for the nine evaluative factors listed in Executive Order S-17-06 plus other topics such as existing Delta governance and analog experiences with large ecosystem governance.

The goal of these context memos is to provide the most critical information about the issue through a conceptual model of key dynamics, central conclusions through current science, and information about relevant policies that supports policy making. In this way, the hope is to create a common understanding and language about the critical factors in establishing a Delta Vision.

This is an iterative process and represents the beginning of a dialogue between you and the public about those critical factors and related information. The memos will also receive review and recommended improvements by scientists and relevant program managers. Your questions and comments will help guide staff during this iterative process. It is anticipated that final context memos will be completed in September 2007.

The context memos will be available on the Delta Vision website: (<http://www.deltavision.ca.gov>) and we are anticipating a two-week public comment period for each iteration of a context memo. The public can comment either by email: ([dv\\_context@calwater.ca.gov](mailto:dv_context@calwater.ca.gov)) or by regular mail: Delta Vision Office, 650 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> FL, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Public comments will be attributed to the author and posted with the context memo on the Delta Vision web site. The context memos will have line numbers, and the public is being asked to cite page and line number with specific comments. General comments may be keyed to sections.

We are also asking the public for information regarding reports, studies or other references that would contribute to a better understanding of the issue.